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# FINAL AGENDA

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

**GENETICS TASK FORCE MEETING**  
**Monday February 25, 2002**  
**9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Phoenix Inn Hotel**  
**417 Capitol Way N**  
**Olympia, Washington**

EMERGENCY MESSAGE PHONE DURING THE MEETING: (360) 561-9487

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**[http://www.doh.wa.gov/sboh/Priorities/genetics/  
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**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** Times below are estimates only. The Task Force reserves the right to alter the order of the agenda. For more information regarding testimony, handouts, other questions or for people needing special accommodation, please contact Desiree Robinson at (360) 236-4110 by February 15, 2002.

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- 9:00 a.m.                    Call to Order**  
**1. Approve January 3, 2002 Meeting Minutes- Adoption**  
**2. Announcements**
- 9:15 a.m.                    3. Report from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner**  
    ▪ Jon Hedegard, Rules Coordinator, Office of the Insurance Commissioner
- Do existing state laws address the use of pre-existing conditions for insurance coverage? If so, what does the law say about genetic testing and genetic discrimination and who does/doesn't it apply to?*
- 9:35 a.m.                    4. Health Insurance and Genetic Information in Washington: Don't Confuse the News with Reality!!**  
    ▪ Nancy Fisher, M.D., Medical Director, Regence Blue Shield
- What laws define the types of genetic information insurance companies can request and how they can use the information?*
- 9:55 a.m.                    5. Genetic Privacy and Genetic Discrimination**  
    ▪ Phil Bereano, Ph.D., American Civil Liberties Union Representative
- 10:15 a.m.                    6. Historical Review Of Genetic Discrimination: Eugenics**  
    ▪ Nancy Fisher, M.D., Medical Director, Regence Blue Shield
- 10:30 a.m.                    10 Minute Break**
- 10:40 a.m.                    7. Review of Genetics Related Privacy and Discrimination Legislation in Other States**  
    ▪ Mary Ferguson, Ph.D., J.D. (candidate), BOH GTF Staff Support
- 11:00 a.m.                    8. Report on the Effect of Genetics Privacy Legislation on Research**  
    ▪ Candi Wines, GTF Coordinator
- How have research efforts in other states been affected by genetics privacy and anti-discrimination legislation?*
- 11:20 a.m.                    9. Evidence of Genetic Discrimination and Privacy Violations in Washington State**  
    ▪ Mary Clogston, Legislative and Regulatory Consultant, State of Washington Human Rights Commission
- What evidence exists regarding genetic discrimination and/or privacy violations in Washington State?*
- 11:40 a.m.                    10. Public Testimony**

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- 12:20 p.m.    11.    Presentation of Draft of Genetic Information Protection Matrix and January 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Summary**  
      ▪    Candi Wines, GTF Coordinator
- 12:30 p.m.                LUNCH**
- 2:00 p.m.    12.    Discuss and Revise Draft of Genetic Information Protection Matrix and January 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Summary**
- 4:00                13.    Discussion of How to Proceed with Developing Policy Options**
- 4:30 p.m.    14.    Adjournment**